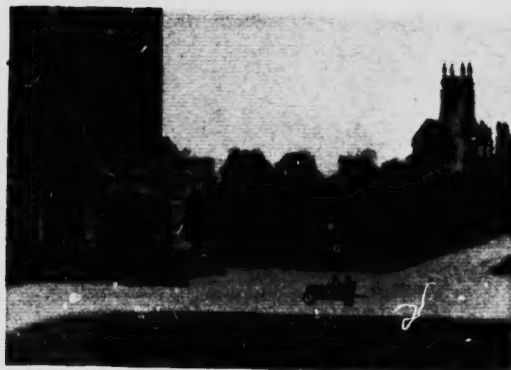


*The
Empress Hotel
Victoria. B. C.*

*Canadian Pacific Railway
Hotel System*



The Empress Hotel



THE EMPRESS HOTEL, the latest creation of the C. P. R., is situated looking west over the shores of James Bay. The entrance for carriages and passengers arriving via C. P. R. Steamboats is at the extreme south end of the building which is protected from the weather by a very handsome stone Porte Cochere. A flight of some eight or ten steps admits to the Office. This Office contains besides the usual accommodation for the clerks and the public a Cloak Room, Cigar Stand and the Manager's Office.



THIS panelled 7 feet high in English Oak, stained a dark brown and the beams and stained glass are arranged to give the effect of an old English Hall. One of the principal features is a very handsome staircase ascending to the first floor. At the back of the Office is the light elevator. In front of the office are the electric high-speed passenger elevators. Back of them comes the Ladies' Drawing Room most tastefully furnished in Quaker gray with pink wreaths of roses for decoration.



THE MAIN ROTUNDA on this floor is a large and very light room with two huge fireplaces. The decoration is in yellow. The furniture is green, having embroidered on the back of every chair the spray of Holly which has come to be regarded as the national badge of Victoria. Opening from the Rotunda by wide arch openings is the Palm Garden some 65 ft. square, which, with its yellow glass dome and wide glass windows, will be a delightful resort for afternoon tea.



THE DINING ROOM also opens from the Rotunda. It is entirely panelled and the columns covered with Australian Rose Wood, a hard wood resembling Honduras Mahogany. The floor is also the product of the Australian forests and is known as red bean.



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VIEW OF EMPRESS HOTEL FROM POST OFFICE.

OPENING from the Dining Room by wide alleys which prevent noise and yet insure quick service is the kitchen. Desirous of having the very best equipment, the Hotel Management submitted the plans for the laying out to the most expert authorities in New York, who have designed such kitchens as the New Plaza, Knickerbocker and Waldorf Astoria. The ranges, broilers, refrigerators and the hundred-and-one labor saving appliances which go to make up the modern hotel kitchen are all of the very best and the very latest.

FROM THE KITCHEN opens the Bake Shop with more refrigerators and the ovens in which the delicious French bread to be found on the hotel tables is baked, and the electric-driven ice cream machines. From the kitchen ascends a service elevator reaching every floor in the house for the purpose of supplying guests, who so desire it, with meals in their own rooms.

DESCENDING from the kitchen level by means of either of the two available staircases or by the kitchen elevator one arrives at the basement. Here are located the refrigerators controlled by the steward, the steward's office, the butcher shop with its huge refrigerator, the store rooms for fish, game, poultry and the luxuries for which the hotel will be famous. Back of the butcher shop comes the vegetable room, while the rear portion of this floor is given up as dining rooms for the large staff.

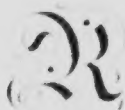
IN GAIN descending one arrives at the sub-basement. Here are located the tanks in which all the ice used in the establishment is manufactured, storage for the ice blocks, and machinery for reducing same to fragments, or to the neat little cubes you will find in your ice water pitcher. From this sub-basement a wide tunnel extends 120 feet to the power house. Through this tunnel come all the steam, water, mains, electric light wires.



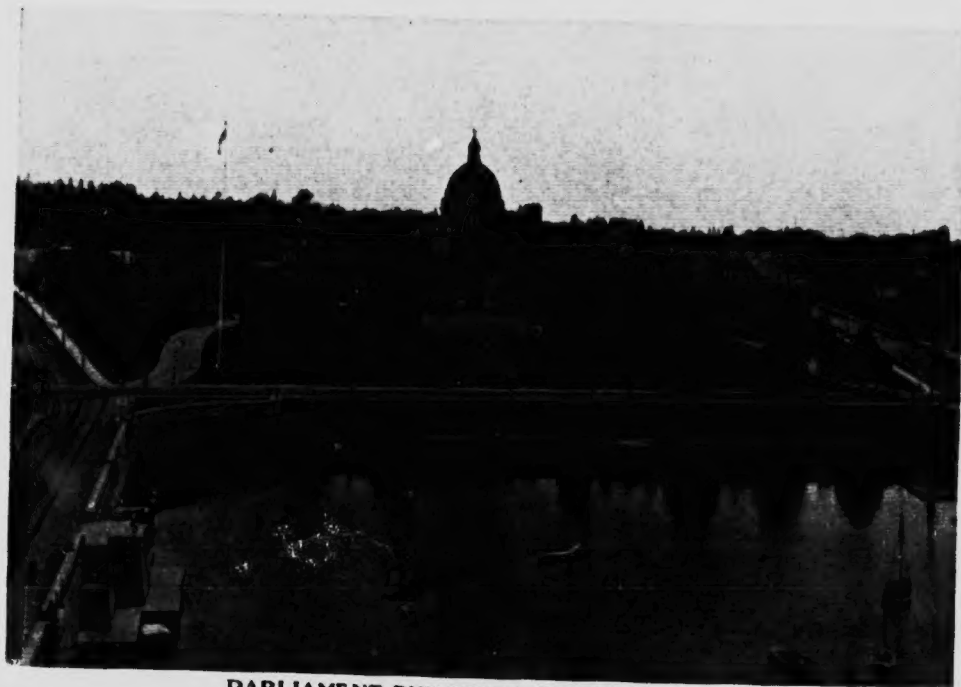
THE EMPRESS HOTEL IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DOCKS.



OLLOWING the tunnel to the power house you will find it completely equipped with boilers, three 75 K.W. high-speed engines, refrigerator machinery, fire pumps, dustless air-cleaning apparatus and a huge laundry. On the upper floors are located besides numerous Sample Rooms for Commercial Travelers, the bed rooms for some of the hotel staff and a large Garage.



ETURNING to the Rotunda as a starting point and proceeding down the main staircase, one arrives at the large Billiard Room, containing not only the finest English but also American Tables. From the Billiard Room is a wide vestibule to the north end, and opening from this a large Grill Room which is being decorated with the Indian mats and the totem poles, peculiar to the natives of this coast. On the other side of the vestibule is the Bar Room, effectively but simply decorated. Opening from the south end of the Billiard Room is the Barber Shop, bootblackening stand, elevators and baggage rooms.



PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B. C.



ESQUIMAULT DRY DOCK.

Victoria has facilities for repairing the largest steamers and sailing ships at the least cost of any port on the Pacific Coast.

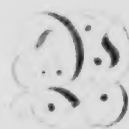


ENTERING A TYPICAL ROOM you will find it handsomely furnished in solid mahogany and containing a comfortable arm chair. The bed is solid brass with satin finish. The springs are specially made as were the mattresses, while the Blankets were woven in Ontario and the sheets in England especially for the Company. The same feature of originality and good workmanship has been followed through every article of the equipment. The table linen endeavors to carry out the same Imperial idea. The rose, shamrock, thistle and Canadian maple leaf surmounted by the Imperial Crown. The silver is one of the old royal patterns of England, and known to most collectors, but with the Imperial Crown introduced instead of the scalloped shell.

For rates and reservations, write

EMPRESS HOTEL, Victoria, B. C.

STEWART GORDON, Manager




PROCEED-
ING to the
bed room
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attention will be directed to the carpets and curtains. These, as also the entire carpeting of all the rooms, were specially woven for this Hotel and introduce the Hotel's crest with the Imperial Crown. The colors in all the carpets are the same soft restful greens.



CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY S. S. "PRINCESS VICTORIA,"
ON THE SEATTLE, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER ROUTE.

 VICTORIA is screened from view until the steamer rounding a promontory drops almost suddenly into the spacious harbour, shipping and warehouses, villas along the shore and wooded heights, lofty churches and public buildings, and towering above all the noble pile of the new Parliament Building, the finest in Canada, all come into view with startling suddenness as the steamer glides smoothly into the deep pellucid basin.

The Steamship "Princess Victoria" is the fastest and most comfortable steamship on the Pacific Coast. She was built under special Lloyd's survey, safe and seaworthy in every respect, with stateroom accommodation for 200 passengers, every thought and care having been exercised in her construction to combine great speed and comfort to passengers. The runs between Seattle and Victoria and Victoria and Vancouver are usually made in four hours, the Steamship "Princess Victoria" maintaining an average speed of 18 knots per hour and making 322 miles in the 24 hours.



A BIRD'S
EYE VIEW
OF
VICTORIA,
B. C.

Victoria—The “Empress” City of the Golden West.

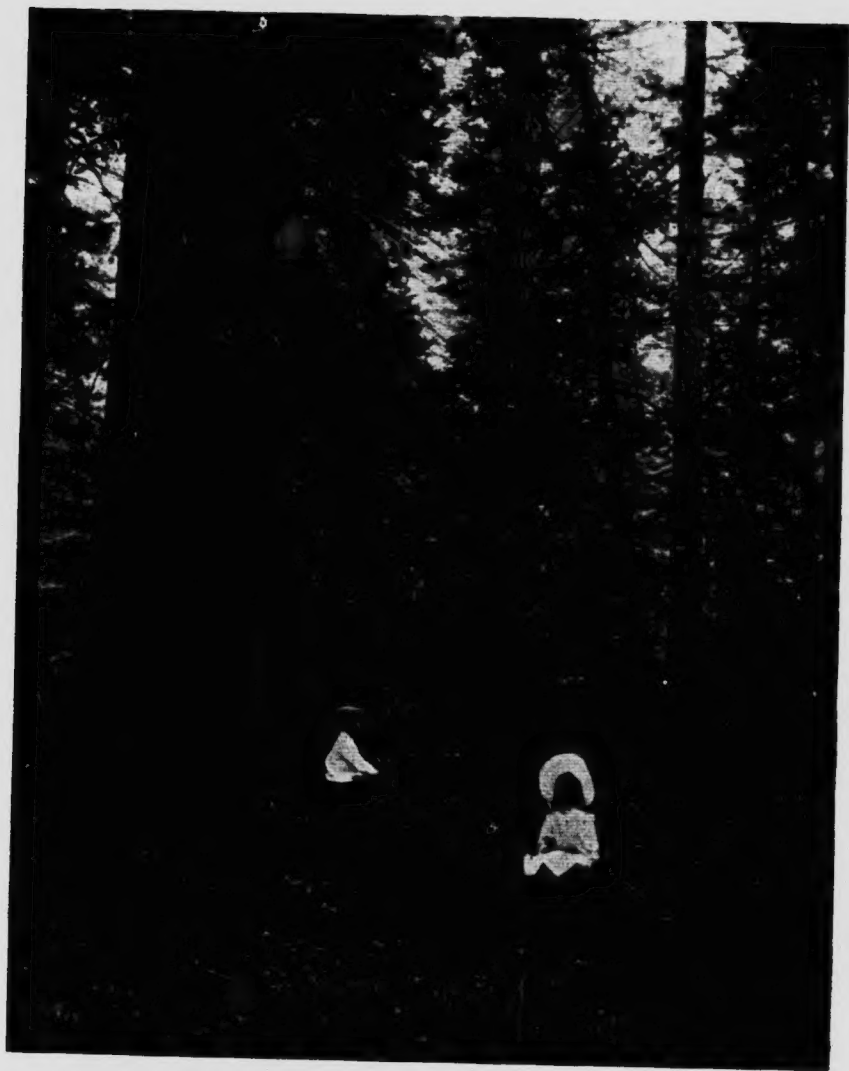
A RESIDENTIAL CITY AND A SEASIDE RESORT.
THE CAPITAL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.



ITS SITUATION, CLIMATE AND SOCIAL ATMOSPHERE—the last mentioned a happy blending of English conservatism with western democracy—are all powerful elements ensuring its future.

Victoria has grown considerably within the past few years without any appearance of a boom.

The resources of Vancouver Island are still unestimated. Its undeveloped riches in coal, copper, lumber and fisheries are practically untouched, while its agricultural and horticultural possibilities are only beginning to be appreciated.



AS A HEALTH AND PLEASURE RESORT.

THE outdoor life is particularly charming. From the 15th of May almost right up to Christmas, most of the usual summer sports may be indulged in, with full enjoyment, while the numerous sea beaches and parks afford ideal recreation grounds for young children, and in the long summer days are crowded with little people and their parents or nurses.



AIRYING is one of the most profitable industries in the districts around Victoria. The Co-operative Creameries take all the cream of the district and pay to the farmers from 24 to 28 cents a pound for their butter. The shares in their creameries are owned by the farmers themselves.

HERE is always some one thing to do in a city more than another. In Victoria it is to drive. One should take a drive to see some of the beautiful homes and over the handsome hedges, the most delightful grounds that surround these homes.





IN BEACON HILL PARK.

SPLENDID ROADS FOR MOTORING AND DRIVING.



CTORIA has always been famous for its beautiful suburban drives and its splendid country roads. Writing of his impressions of Victoria, E. F. Knight, correspondent of the *London Morning Post*, said of Victoria's drives: " * * *

The country immediately outside the town is singularly beautiful, the undulating promontory upon which the city stands being covered with woods of pine and fir and a lovely wild jungle of arbutus, roses, flowering bushes of many varieties, and English broom, which, since it was imported here, has spread all over the more open country, so that it is ablaze with golden blossoms for a great portion of the year. In the spring and summer there is an extraordinary abundance of beautiful wild flowers, and in the autumn all the vegetation is aglow with tints vivid or mellow, and amid pleasant bocage, skirting the little bays and headlands of the promontory, are scattered the delightful homes of the fortunate citizens of Victoria—the professional men, the merchants, the retired soldiers of the Empire."

HERE is an Automobile Club in the city with a large membership, as well as a Driving Club. The members of these clubs are always glad to extend a welcome to visiting motorists or horsemen and to put them in the way of enjoying to the fullest extent these magnificent runs or drives.

THE CLIMATE of Victoria is not surpassed by any in the world—never enervating, always invigorating—an average daily sunshine of seven hours for six months in the year, with a temperature rarely over 80° in summer or below 40° above in winter.

THE summer evenings are long and delightful, just cool enough for a light covert coat, the air always charged with ozone from the sea (which almost surrounds Victoria) and the magnificent mountain opposite, is indeed as near perfect as air can possibly be.

NO HOT SUMMERS—NO HARD WINTERS.



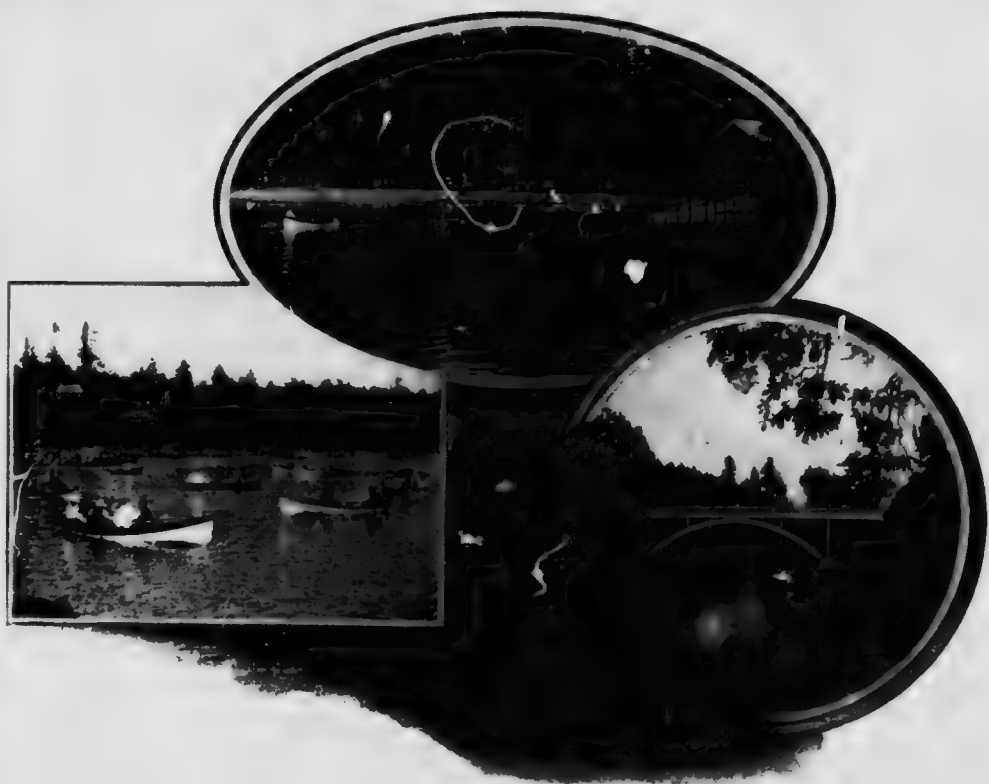
IN BEACON HILL PARK.

THE GORGE is one of Victoria's most popular Beauty Spots. As a resort for "young men and maidens" it has no equal on the Pacific Coast. It can be reached by rowboat, motor-launch, driving, automobile or by the Electric Street Railway. The latter company has recently purchased a beautiful natural park adjoining the Gorge and is spending a large amount of money in laying out summer pleasure grounds. This year a new Japanese Tea Garden, which will be an exact reproduction of "a bit of Japan," will be added. The City Council has also purchased a large amount of water frontage on the other side of the Gorge for park purposes.

THIS is a natural curiosity, where a huge volume of water dashes at Niagara speed through a narrow channel, alternating in direction according to the change of tide. The Victoria Arm, a splendid stretch of water and a continuation of Victoria's harbour, leads to the Gorge. Its beautifully wooded banks and promontories dotted with charming residences form a picture of rare beauty.



A VIEW AT THE GORGE.



VICTORIA'S NEWEST RECREATION GROUND
FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

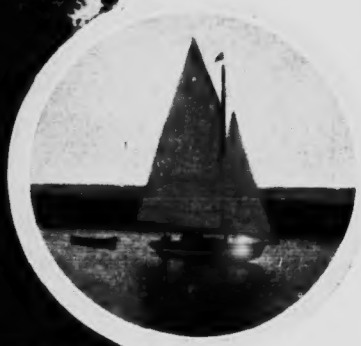
THE NEW PARK at the Gorge, is a great addition to the attractions of Victoria, being situated on an arm of the sea sheltered from all prevailing winds, provided with pavilions, bathing facilities and amusements for children and young people.



THE GOLF CLUB HOUSE.

THE GOLF LINKS at Oak Bay are considered as fine and are as beautifully situated as any links on the continent. They are owned by the Victoria Golf Club, and visitors are allowed to use them upon very liberal terms. The naval and military officers have also some fine links at Macaulay Point, so that Victoria is a centre of a large circle of golf enthusiasts. The links at Oak Bay are open summer and winter, with the exception of the months of July and August.

THE national games of Canada, the United States and England are all played in Victoria, including Lacrosse, Baseball, Football, Cricket, Basketball, Lawn Tennis and Golf.



A PRIVATE RESIDENCE.

BOATING AND YACHTING are favourite forms of recreation of both residents and visitors, and it is safe to say that nowhere on the continent are there greater facilities for the perfect enjoyment of these pastimes than in and around Victoria.



A RURAL SCENE NEAR VICTORIA.



FINE
GOLFING AND
BOATING.



HE motor boat, steam or gasoline launch is almost as familiar on Victoria waterways as the motors are on her splendid roads. Auto parties, coaching and launch parties, make the season very gay for a large number of residents and visitors.





EXCELLENT FISHING
AND SHOOTING.

THE touring sportsman whose chief joy in life is the love for the crack of his own rifle or shot gun will find Victoria an ideal base of operations. Along the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway there is excellent small game shooting, particularly black tail deer, pheasant, grouse and quail; while duck and geese shooting both in the salt lagoons and fresh water lakes is most excellent. For big game it is necessary to go further into the interior of the Island, where bear, panther and elk are plentiful. The fisherman is rarely disappointed with his visit to Victoria. Few places on the continent afford a chance to land a seventy-pound salmon with hook and line, and Victoria is one of those few places.



BEACON HILL PARK, VICTORIA, B. C.

HIS magnificent park of about 300 acres is situated on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, within a few minutes walk of the business portion of the city. It commands grand panoramic views of the snow-capped Olympians, Mount Baker, Race Rocks Lighthouse, the San Juan Islands, Clover Point (where Captain Vancouver landed in 1792), the Sooke Mountains, etc. This park contains zoological gardens, large recreation grounds, splendid old oaks, pretty flowering shrubs, grassy stretches and meadows, shady walks and beautiful lakes inhabited by gold fish and by stately swans and other water fowls.

THE roads around Victoria are unsurpassed in the West for motoring and driving, the Park, of course, always coming in for special attention.

